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REMARKS**Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102**

Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yu (US 5,959,837).

Amended claim 11 has been rewritten to include all of the limitations of the allowable claim 12.

Therefore, amended claim 11 is patentable and should be allowable. Claims 13-20 are also allowable since they depend on allowable Claim 11 directly or indirectly.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103

Claims 1 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yu (US 5,959,837) in view of Houdry (US 2,216,778).

Claim 1 discloses "a slot being defined in the connecting tab of each of the fins and receiving an end of the connecting tab of an adjacent one of the fins." However, the slot (4) in Houdry is provided for welding the so-called connecting tab to the tube, as described in lines 33-38 column 2 of Houdry.

Therefore, the instant invention is distinguishably different from Houdry.

Regarding the rejection of claim 1 in this office action, only the language of claim 1 is repeated. No anticipation of "a slot ...receiving an end of the connecting tab of an adjacent one of the fins" is clearly pointed out to reject the instant invention.

Furthermore, in Houdry, the fins have been well secured on the tube by welding. There is no desirability in Houdry to have a slot for receiving an end of the connecting tab of an adjacent fin. It is impossible for one skilled in the art to develop the present invention at

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the time of the invention developed. So claim 1 is unobvious and patentable over Yu even in view of Houdry.

Therefore, claim 1 is patentable and should be allowable. Claims 4-10 are also allowable since they depend on allowable Claim 1 directly or indirectly.

New added claims

Regarding new claim 21, "each fin forms a connecting tab extending around a periphery of the through hole, the connecting tab abuts the duct", which is not disclosed by any prior art cited by Examiner, as allowable claim 12, so claim 21 is patentable and should be allowable.

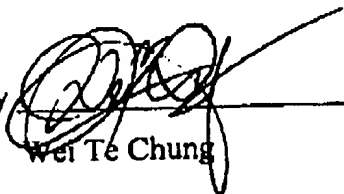
Claim 22 depends on allowable claim 21 and further discloses "each connecting tab comprises a tapered tab inserting into the slot of an adjacent fin, and a locating tab abutting the duct", so claim 22 is also patentable.

In view of the foregoing, the subject application as claimed in the pending claims is in a condition for allowance and an action to such effect is earnestly solicited.

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